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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Takuo Sugioka et al.

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For: FIRE RETARDANT RESIN COMPOSITION,  
METHOD OF ITS PRODUCTION, SHAPED  
ARTICLES COMPRISING THE SAME, AND  
SILICA

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Examiner: ANTHONY, Joseph David

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2008.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.